Telecast of cricket matches by DD

149. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DD could not get right to telecast live the first cricket test at Lahore, Pakistan in January, 2006;

(b) if so, the reason therefor; and

(c) the action taken to resolve the issue and success achieved?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Doordarshan did not undertake the live telecast of the test matches of the Indo-Pak series played in Pakistan since the rights holder did not argee to the simulcast of these matches by Doordarshan.

Functioning of DD Centres in Andhra Pradesh

150. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Doordarshan studios presently functioning in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether any new Doordarshan Studio is being planned in the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also proposed to open more Doordarshan and FM Studios in the State;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (c) Three Doordarshan Studios at Hyderabad, Warangal and Vijaywada are presently functioning and one new Studio Centre at Tirupati is being planned in the State.

(d) to (f) There is no proposal of opening new studio centres of Doordarshan in the state in view of the current availability of resources.